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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during December were valued at £3,738,429, the largest for the year with the exception of August. The total imports for the year were £39,391,430, the largest figures on record, and equal to £25 6s. per head of population. The direct oversea imports amounted to £20,937,351, as compared with £17,665,417 in 1906. The total for the year shows an increase of £4,666,031, or 14 per cent., made up of an increase of £3,711,408 in goods of British and Foreign produce, and of £954,623 in goods of Australian produce. In almost every article of oversea origin large increases were shown, the principal ones being apparel and soft goods, hats and caps, iron and metal manufactures, machinery, tea, and timber. Sugar shows a falling-off.

The oversea exports for December amounted to £3,529,708, and show a decrease of £1,111,246 compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the twelve months they amounted to £32,964,126, which shows a small increase of £1,945,852, or 6 per cent., as compared with last year. The smallness of the increase was due to a large falling-off in the export of gold. Nearly all the principal articles show large increases; horses, butter, leather, frozen beef, rabbit skins, timber, and tin show decreases. Separating merchandise from gold, the exports of the former during the year increased by £5,222,110, but the latter decreased by £3,276,258.

It is not at present possible to give the total exports for the year, as the Interstate movement for December is not available, but there are indications that it was the highest on record, and exceeded £49,000,000 (or £31 10s. per head), which is nearly £4,000,000 more than in 1906. The total trade for the year, therefore, exceeded 88 millions pounds sterling.

Shipping.—During 1907 346 more vessels entered the ports of the State, and 324 more cleared therefrom, than in 1906. The total tonnage of vessels trading with the State was 12,087,683—namely, 6,072,723 entered, and 6,014,960 cleared, both steam and sailing vessels showing large increases over 1906.

Railways.—The report on railways for the quarter ended 31st December shows satisfactory results. Compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, the earnings show an increase of £62,220, notwithstanding large reductions in fares and freights, and the expenditure an increase of £60,782, the net result being an improvement of £1,438. Relatively, the earnings decreased by $7\frac{1}{4}$ d. per train mile, and the expenditure by $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. per train mile.

Wheat Harvest, 1907-08.—According to information supplied by farmers, it is estimated that 8,686,500 bushels of wheat will be cut from 1,399,930 acres, averaging 6·2 bushels per acre, and 189,400 tons of hay will be cut from 371,120 acres.

With the exception of the drought year 1902, the present is the smallest harvest since 1897. This is due principally to adverse weather conditions, aggravated by a plague of grasshoppers. To some extent, also, dairying has supplanted wheat-growing in a few districts.

The following statement shows, in the principal wheat-growing divisions of the State, the yield last season and that estimated to be yielded this season :—

Division.	1906-7 (Actual).		1907-8 (Estimated).	
	Cut for Grain.	Yield.	Cut for Grain.	Yield.
	acres.	bushels.	acres.	bushels.
Coast	7,643	98,198	2,210	22,340
Tableland	114,203	1,631,533	74,950	583,710
Western Slopes	904,296	12,042,476	744,010	5,337,410
Western Plains	237,508	2,348,667	143,660	642,140
Riverina	599,806	5,674,818	433,920	2,086,060
Western Division	2,797	22,246	1,180	14,840
The Whole State	1,866,253	21,817,938	1,399,930	8,686,500

Gold Production.—The gold yield during December was 29,192 oz. crude, equal to 24,749 oz. fine, valued at £105,128. The value of gold produced during 1907 was £1,050,730, which shows a decrease of £28,136, as compared with the year 1906.

Prices.—The index numbers show that during 1907 prices of staple products were generally 34 per cent higher than in 1901, and 5 per cent. higher than in 1906. The index number for all articles was 1,343 ; for pastoral products, 1,354 ; and for minerals, 1,461, compared with the basis 1,000 in 1901. Wool increased about 8 per cent. in price during the year, but the industrial metals, after rising to a very high figure in June, have since declined largely (the index number for metals in December was 1,085, as against 1,580 in June). The general index number for December was 1,207, the lowest for the year.

Meteorology.—The rainfall during the month of December was below the average in the coastal district, with the exception of the extreme north and south, and in the greater part of the central and southern tableland, and the Western Riverina. The remainder of the State had some bountiful falls, and the records were in excess of the average. The temperature for the month was again slightly below the average.

Land Selections.—During December 95 new settlers applied for 52,346 acres. During the year the number of new settlers has been 2,355, and the area applied for 1,555,335 acres. The original area set apart for residential settlement during the year has been 1,271,236 acres, representing 1,093 blocks.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1896	680,185	598,785	1,278,970	16,700	1'32	1,270,620
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1'78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	723,494	656,033	1,379,527	14,937	1'09	1,367,851
1902	741,234	666,385	1,407,619	28,092	2'04	1,395,299
1903	755,078	676,533	1,431,611	23,992	1'70	1,419,734
1904	773,699	687,850	1,461,549	29,938	2'09	1,446,535
1905	795,133	700,874	1,496,007	34,458	2'36	1,478,703
1906	816,590	714,394	1,530,984	34,977	2'34	1,514,390
31st March, 1907 ...	824,753	718,618	1,543,371	.....	.....	.....
30th June, 1907 ...	832,535	722,709	1,555,244	.....	.....	.....
30th Sept., 1907 ...	840,802	726,562	1,567,364	.....	.....	.....

The population includes 4,287 Aborigines of full-blood, of whom 2,451 are males, and 1,836 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1896	8,495	18,691	17,815	9,256	6,583	20,667	16'27
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17'81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14'90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15'42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16'26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15'98
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15'19
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13'71
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16'11
1905	10,970	20,206	19,295	8,709	6,269	24,523	16'58
1906	11,551	21,066	19,882	8,715	6,260	25,973	17'15
Jan. to Sept., 1907...	9,117	16,009	15,257	6,937	5,151	19,178	.....
July to Sept., 1907	2,867	5,580	5,548	2,769	2,035	6,324	.....
July to Sept., 1906...	2,799	5,510	5,123	2,296	1,590	6,747	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1896	40,683	21,950	41,290	23,456	127,379	44,429	23,458	39,314	24,145	131,346
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,600	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	55,538	31,936	163,613	44,332	25,168	66,763	34,267	170,530
1902	54,942	26,249	50,855	28,604	160,650	43,433	23,967	54,411	31,936	153,747
1903	46,121	24,449	54,314	27,459	152,343	39,537	24,095	56,003	28,185	147,820
1904	48,700	24,278	54,997	28,287	156,262	39,475	24,113	56,725	29,318	149,631
1905	47,872	26,298	62,991	35,143	172,304	38,586	25,096	62,340	36,347	162,369
1906	50,257	29,208	71,529	42,342	193,336	41,039	27,753	71,041	43,899	184,332
Jan. to Sept., 1907 ...	47,274	25,633	67,823	35,758	176,488	36,479	22,815	63,478	36,514	159,286
July to Sept., 1907...	14,449	6,588	23,784	11,087	55,908	10,293	5,753	22,484	11,582	50,112
„ 1906 ...	10,960	5,731	17,663	10,481	44,835	8,740	5,176	16,987	10,339	41,242

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,474	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,613
1902	79,458	46,900	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,650
1903	81,773	42,529	4,249	12,868	10,924	152,343
1904	83,283	42,911	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,262
1905	98,134	44,315	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,304
1906	113,871	48,294	5,641	16,525	9,005	193,336
Jan. to Sept., 1907 ...	103,581	43,200	5,083	16,147	8,477	176,488
July to Sept., 1907...	34,871	12,701	1,772	3,839	2,725	55,908
„ 1906...	28,144	9,764	1,431	3,482	2,014	44,835

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,030	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,694	170,530
1902	86,347	36,448	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,747
1903	84,189	34,914	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,820
1904	86,043	35,888	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,631
1905	98,686	36,771	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,369
1906	115,541	39,458	4,627	15,452	9,254	184,332
Jan. to Sept., 1907 ...	99,992	34,354	4,304	11,629	9,007	159,286
July to Sept., 1907...	34,066	9,926	702	3,038	2,380	50,112
„ 1906...	27,326	7,678	564	3,340	2,334	41,242

No. 6.—Principal Causes of Death—Nine months, January to September.

Cause of Death.	Sydney and Suburbs.				New South Wales.			
	1907.			1906.	1907.			1906.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.
General Diseases—								
Typhoid Fever	24	16	40	53	80	56	136	231
Measles	14	21	35	4	23	32	55	13
Scarlet Fever	5	4	9	19	12	7	19	35
Whooping-cough	96	109	205	...	235	250	485	2
Diphtheria and Croup	18	16	34	32	55	62	117	103
Influenza	19	27	46	15	147	112	259	73
Dysentery	6	3	9	13	27	22	49	66
Plague	8	6	14	7	9	10	19	7
Other Epidemic Diseases	7	2	9	9	12	8	20	21
Septicæmia	3	4	7	8	20	16	36	23
Tuberculosis—Lungs	164	153	317	311	422	304	726	745
Other Organs	19	29	48	57	57	49	106	143
General	18	18	36	16	44	35	79	41
Syphilis	5	5	10	31	18	11	29	41
Cancer	203	166	369	347	468	347	815	748
Rheumatism	4	20	24	27	30	38	68	84
Diabetes	22	26	48	37	50	52	102	84
Exophthalmic Goitre ... ..	...	6	6	6	2	9	11	10
Anæmia	13	15	28	15	23	26	49	36
Other General Diseases	18	14	32	43	55	30	85	104
Local Diseases—								
Meningitis	27	23	50	44	64	52	116	102
Diseases of Spinal Cord	18	3	21	22	44	13	57	60
Hæmorrhage, &c., of Brain	104	101	205	155	261	209	470	329
General Paralysis	36	4	40	43	50	8	58	55
Convulsions (under 5)	16	23	39	42	79	88	167	169
Other Nervous Diseases	39	37	76	105	137	101	238	289
Endocarditis	17	18	35	43	41	34	75	82
Organic diseases of Heart	220	176	396	266	537	408	945	788
Other diseases Circulatory System	34	32	66	83	110	60	170	175
Bronchitis	98	93	191	154	296	223	519	382
Pneumonia, Broncho-pneumonia	179	144	323	304	490	323	813	657
Other diseases Respiratory System	30	27	57	58	120	57	177	175
Diseases of Stomach	23	23	46	43	62	55	117	98
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2)	157	116	273	327	350	302	652	790
" (over 2)	27	23	50	66	110	77	187	282
Intestinal Obstruction	18	16	34	30	52	32	84	76
Cirrhosis of Liver	20	12	32	44	52	24	76	70
Appendicitis	26	22	48	40	58	44	102	80
Other diseases Digestive System	29	30	59	63	93	80	173	200
Bright's Disease	139	97	236	202	268	179	447	408
Other diseases Urinary System	36	14	50	64	109	35	144	174
Diseases of Genital Organs	1	31	32	22	1	42	43	36
Puerperal Condition ... ..	...	74	74	80	...	180	180	196
Diseases of Skin	16	11	27	20	32	20	52	58
Diseases of Bones, &c.	6	7	13	9	10	8	18	24
Congenital Malformations	21	16	37	39	51	29	80	85
Diseases of Infancy	177	149	326	294	477	400	877	821
Old Age	96	101	197	198	419	310	729	704
Violence—								
Suicide	22	11	33	43	95	22	117	127
Accidents	120	47	167	134	456	150	606	628
Other External Violence	7	6	13	8	19	15	34	20
Not classed (Open Verdict)	12	1	13	10	28	4	32	28
Ill-defined Causes	44	23	67	105	177	91	268	352
Total	2,481	2,171	4,652	4,210	6,937	5,151	12,088	11,130

Approximate mean annual death-rate per 1,000 of population (nine months, January to September)—
 Sydney and Suburbs. New South Wales.

1902-1906 11.15 10.78
 1907 11.50 10.40

No. 7.—Principal Articles Imported, 1906 and 1905.

Article.	1906.			1905.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	35,763	118,229	153,992	34,961	116,911	151,872
Animals, Living	1,471,482	59,621	1,531,103	1,497,916	35,299	1,533,215
Apparel and Attire	362,464	889,733	1,252,197	356,366	775,523	1,131,889
Piece Goods	239,411	2,710,081	2,949,492	244,312	2,432,180	2,676,492
Boots and Shoes	182,122	115,381	297,503	186,882	104,096	290,978
Cordage and Twines	41,668	39,611	81,279	33,186	32,228	65,384
Drugs and Chemicals	22,461	158,052	180,513	21,220	157,228	178,448
Fish—all kinds	20,914	98,577	119,491	21,743	84,204	105,947
Fruits and Vegetables	365,528	105,559	471,087	488,717	68,084	556,801
Furniture	35,546	97,782	133,328	32,040	81,811	113,851
Glass and Glassware	23,649	113,189	136,838	21,937	94,720	116,657
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..	3,529,330	1,586,999	5,116,329	3,550,994	957,380	4,508,374
Hats and Caps	74,803	151,809	226,612	53,963	148,179	202,142
Implements, &c., Agricultural	172,296	79,101	251,397	174,732	89,293	264,025
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	19,271	311,445	330,716	25,088	221,970	247,058
Galvanized Sheet	38,814	296,066	334,880	31,588	251,912	283,500
Leather	125,281	168,956	294,237	76,521	109,552	186,073
Machines and Machinery	276,803	800,353	1,077,156	169,156	763,919	933,075
Metal Manufactures—Free	78,396	780,596	858,992	60,347	521,993	582,340
Dutiable	136,854	427,747	564,601	109,560	401,124	510,684
Oil—Kerosene... ..	11,655	111,785	123,440	11,441	128,776	140,217
Spirits—all kinds	74,930	330,171	405,101	68,486	327,948	396,434
Sugar	883,235	190,466	1,073,701	622,446	111,110	733,556
Tea	37,435	381,099	418,504	38,438	335,432	373,870
Timber	187,332	526,413	713,745	177,308	336,698	514,006
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	141,585	258,371	399,956	124,184	203,401	327,585
Wool	1,469,328	1,385	1,470,713	1,129,709	2,534	1,132,243
All other Articles	7,003,504	6,694,956	13,698,460	5,575,674	5,591,618	11,167,292
Total	£17,061,860	17,633,503	34,695,363	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008

No. 8.—Principal Articles Exported, 1906 and 1905.

Article.	1906.				1905.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
			£	£	£	£
Animals, Living ... ..	.....	.....	2,408,436	92,210	2,101,458	144,989
Butter lb.	1,159,709	24,023,160	48,676	1,003,423	93,947	723,873
Coal tons	1,725,863	2,057,381	891,446	892,170	772,851	792,751
Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt.	1,154	400,921	5,031	1,627,458	2,851	1,232,048
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..	.....	.....	685,772	5,932,214	474,896	2,578,415
Grain—Wheat... .. cental	968,509	2,524,340	257,265	689,918	194,256	761,437
Flour „	456,402	778,793	177,051	285,482	131,129	283,771
Lead—Pig, and Matte cwt.	2,378,575	.....	1,388,945	635,621	462,162	610,696
Leather ... ..	.....	.....	133,222	329,267	104,798	339,813
Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb.	6,460,739	50,972,771	75,035	538,771	39,734	576,233
Rabbits and Hares ... *	147,134	5,938,518	1,704	246,803	1,500	143,768
Oil—Cocanut cwt.	35,471	108,319	4,406	151,292	4,012	112,401
Ores „	25,715	.....	9,070	277,959	9,200	303,012
Silver Bullion, &c. oz.	5,663,993	850,830	506,912	105,155	191,761	96,517
Silver-lead Bullion cwt.	.....	686,774	.....	655,011	.....	572,283
Silver-lead Ore „	414,104	880,740	94,980	446,921	42,769	152,869
Skins—Hides No.	72,396	131,999	86,975	146,303	86,208	162,295
Sheep „	400,299	3,116,880	90,618	403,166	79,190	350,389
Rabbit and Hare lb.	811,743	7,526,916	23,669	298,532	9,004	160,180
Other ... .. „	.....	.....	4,718	415,678	2,942	264,214
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	1,820,881	354,053	239,510	86,505	1,306,997	43,946
Tallow „	21,172	363,989	20,930	470,023	11,927	452,403
Timber ... .. „	.....	.....	41,853	352,622	29,387	323,878
Tin, Ingots cwt.	167	78,334	1,456	700,806	1,238	464,811
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	77,057,020	237,650,153	3,240,935	12,302,149	2,304,925	11,141,335
All other Articles ... ..	.....	.....	4,212,541	1,901,420	3,804,330	1,730,207
Total ... ..	£	.....	14,651,156	30,986,888	12,263,472	24,518,534

* Quantity—Interstate expressed in pounds; oversea in pairs.

No. 9.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1897 ...	8,972,854	12,771,496	21,744,350	7,788,977	15,962,995	23,751,072
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	24,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,941,161	26,818,059
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,086,484	33,004,534
1905 ...	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	12,263,472	24,518,534	36,782,006
1906 ...	17,061,860	17,603,503	34,665,363	14,651,156	30,986,888	45,638,044
1907 ...	16,245,821	23,145,609	39,391,430	*	32,964,126	*

* Not yet available.

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1907.			1906.			Increase.
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	1,499,770	1,560,746	3,060,516	742,149	1,093,356	1,835,505	1,225,011
February ...	1,213,964	1,805,776	3,019,740	929,638	1,435,593	2,365,231	654,509
March ...	1,282,876	1,548,164	2,831,040	888,632	1,796,875	2,685,507	145,533
April ...	924,064	1,830,097	2,754,161	1,092,111	1,472,050	2,564,161	190,000
May ...	1,396,169	1,980,428	3,376,597	1,586,612	1,415,826	3,002,438	374,159
June ...	1,137,839	1,646,944	2,784,783	1,033,667	1,533,401	2,567,068	217,715
July ...	1,086,784	2,084,514	3,171,298	1,200,335	1,706,387	2,906,722	264,576
August ...	1,877,577	1,894,772	3,772,349	1,167,115	1,852,125	3,019,240	753,109
September ...	1,208,138	2,403,109	3,611,247	1,193,529	1,852,375	3,045,904	565,343
October ...	1,594,464	2,008,090	3,602,554	1,145,355	1,805,276	2,950,631	651,923
November ...	1,644,591	2,024,125	3,668,716	1,701,310	1,655,422	3,356,732	311,984
December ...	1,379,585	2,358,844	3,738,429	2,610,745	1,815,515	4,426,260	(-)687,831
Total (12 mths.) ...	£16,245,821	23,145,609	39,391,430	15,291,198	19,434,201	34,725,399	4,666,031

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1907.			1906.			Increase.
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	3,486,107	1,024,953	4,511,060	2,568,357	764,664	3,333,021	1,178,039
February ...	3,193,924	1,031,359	4,225,283	3,171,497	804,766	3,976,263	249,020
March ...	3,383,427	882,880	4,266,307	2,229,184	743,473	2,972,657	1,293,650
April ...	2,002,802	988,690	2,991,492	1,875,781	789,713	2,665,494	325,998
May ...	1,862,384	1,024,518	2,886,902	1,677,134	919,757	2,596,891	290,011
June ...	1,927,063	952,170	2,879,233	1,692,504	799,619	2,492,123	387,110
July ...	1,609,860	1,069,606	2,679,466	1,733,433	980,088	2,713,521	(-)34,055
August ...	1,792,539	1,240,307	3,032,846	1,689,775	1,069,193	2,758,968	273,878
September ...	2,369,518	1,899,401	4,268,919	3,256,087	1,392,144	4,648,231	(-)377,312
October ...	3,737,052	1,819,260	5,556,312	2,902,460	2,295,332	5,197,792	358,520
November ...	4,069,742	2,351,181	6,420,923	3,581,108	1,902,001	5,483,109	937,814
December ...	3,529,708	*	.....	4,640,954	1,770,753	6,411,707	(-)1,111,246†
Total (12 mths.) ...	£32,964,126	.....	.....	31,018,274	14,231,503	45,249,777	1,945,852†

* Not yet available.

† Oversea only.

NOTE.—If the sum of the monthly values of imports and exports be compared with the totals in Tables 7, 8, and 9, it will be found that there are differences. The monthly figures are, of course, preliminary only, and subject to revision at the end of the year

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported during December, and during the twelve months—January to December.

Article.	1907.			1906.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
December.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	4,041	16,275	20,316	4,346	13,938	18,284
Animals	52,515	1,304	53,819	450,823	7,793	458,616
Apparel and Soft Goods	40,038	352,273	392,311	35,840	301,723	337,563
Boots and Shoes	33,615	14,796	48,411	21,552	9,412	30,964
Cordage and Twines	2,694	32,038	34,732	3,706	18,934	22,640
Drugs and Chemicals	6,130	39,907	46,037	2,947	31,680	34,627
Fish—all kinds	1,228	34,647	35,875	736	26,820	27,556
Fruits—Dried	4,261	13,155	17,416	2,453	13,677	16,130
Fresh	18,602	15,473	34,075	14,307	17,313	31,620
Furniture	4,584	13,492	18,076	2,934	12,545	15,479
Glass and Glassware	1,490	18,686	20,176	1,442	8,684	10,126
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	152,787	15,164	167,951	1,008,072	129,133	1,137,205
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	16,444	16,444	.....	7,188	7,188
Hats and Caps	4,249	17,220	21,469	3,958	15,862	19,820
Implements—Agricultural	7,201	18,508	25,709	29,375	14,723	44,098
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	164	39,079	39,243	203	21,164	21,367
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	44,348	44,348	.....	32,543	32,543
Leather	5,663	10,556	16,219	8,510	13,554	22,064
Machines and Machinery	16,860	157,717	174,577	13,499	115,937	129,436
Metal Manufactures—Free	11,224	79,598	90,822	494	83,450	83,944
Dutiable	509	77,256	77,765	9,589	63,122	72,711
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	10,938	10,938	.....	5,859	5,859
Spirits	8,858	86,148	95,006	2,978	39,924	42,902
Sugar	141,366	28,917	170,283	109,027	49,354	158,381
Tea ... ..	.....	48,159	48,159	.....	41,431	41,431
Timber	13,176	72,511	85,687	7,565	77,573	85,138
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	10,026	39,244	49,270	10,325	34,593	44,918
Wine	5,219	7,647	12,866	5,809	5,321	11,130
Wool	254,838	1,240	256,078	274,357	450	274,807
Other Articles	578,247	1,036,104	1,614,351	585,898	601,815	1,187,713
Total	£ 1,379,585	2,358,844	3,738,429	2,610,745	1,815,515	4,426,260
January to December.						
Ale and Beer	27,660	166,158	193,818	18,820	127,228	146,048
Animals	1,735,813	60,653	1,796,466	1,835,445	59,554	1,894,999
Apparel and Soft Goods	463,800	5,278,242	5,742,042	360,667	4,479,729	4,840,396
Boots and Shoes	234,905	164,445	399,350	172,579	135,704	308,283
Cordage and Twines	30,220	301,587	331,807	28,921	243,105	272,026
Drugs and Chemicals	45,884	406,994	452,878	37,106	336,928	374,034
Fish—all kinds	14,437	162,379	176,816	8,093	145,599	153,692
Fruits—Dried	98,498	65,926	164,424	59,229	56,470	115,699
Fresh	233,390	76,018	309,408	199,540	91,872	291,412
Furniture	43,190	127,351	170,541	28,054	93,742	121,796
Glass and Glassware	14,789	184,571	199,360	11,399	135,270	146,669
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	3,400,846	1,053,348	4,454,194	3,516,828	1,651,971	5,168,799
Grain—Rice ... ..	.....	116,471	116,471	.....	101,411	101,411
Hats and Caps	62,044	263,118	325,162	49,856	209,533	259,389
Implements—Agricultural	92,492	135,431	227,923	140,248	103,533	243,781
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	1,826	398,358	400,184	1,995	338,911	340,906
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	.....	445,369	445,369	6	378,257	378,263
Leather	95,548	195,149	290,697	102,423	186,972	289,395
Machines and Machinery	180,541	1,518,005	1,698,546	103,651	1,031,594	1,135,245
Metal Manufactures—Free	103,727	752,313	856,040	5,472	941,499	946,971
Dutiable	13,076	998,147	1,011,223	87,719	552,794	640,513
Oil—Kerosene ... ..	.....	169,530	169,530	.....	118,106	118,106
Spirits	46,399	504,116	550,515	30,608	447,281	477,889
Sugar	780,854	51,497	832,351	860,284	185,309	1,045,593
Tea ... ..	.....	561,204	561,204	.....	421,375	421,375
Timber	127,952	768,396	896,348	92,619	622,950	715,569
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	115,100	390,522	505,622	119,460	281,857	401,317
Wine	45,440	52,408	97,848	42,238	44,541	86,779
Wool	1,677,933	7,013	1,684,946	1,469,316	1,586	1,470,902
Other Articles	6,559,457	7,770,890	14,330,347	5,908,622	5,909,520	11,818,142
Total	£ 16,245,821	23,145,609	39,391,430	15,201,108	10,434,201	34,725,309

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during December, and during the twelve months—January to December.

Article.	1907.				1906.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	367	367	£ 12,338	£ 12,338	432	432	£ 15,228	£ 15,228
Butter ... lb.	2,164,170	2,164,170	94,685	94,685	3,696,056	3,696,056	154,001	154,001
Coal ... ton	365,408	365,408	173,626	173,626	178,983	178,983	79,633	79,633
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	36,173	36,173	102,141	102,141	41,903	41,903	208,243	208,243
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	4,907	6,160	3,904	5,185	2,435	2,951	1,887	2,409
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	206,894	206,894	.....	.....	172,817	172,817
Grain—Wheat... cntl.	1,058	1,058	234	234	21,969	21,969	5,794	5,794
Flour ... „	22,143	22,143	11,615	11,615	49,800	49,800	25,305	25,305
Lead ... cwt.	163,075	163,075	103,346	103,346	51,838	51,838	46,627	46,627
Leather ...	.....	.....	30,894	33,659	.....	.....	51,227	51,998
Meats—Beef ... lb.	32,440	32,440	512	512	243,959	243,959	3,264	3,264
Mutton & Lamb „	7,174,535	7,174,535	71,317	71,317	8,317,401	8,317,401	93,815	93,815
Rabbits & Hares pair	185,310	185,310	7,265	7,265	144,219	144,219	6,485	6,485
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	678,825	679,215	12,824	12,848	136,826	136,998	2,997	3,002
Oil—Cocoanut ... cwt.	45,102	45,102	67,459	67,459	12,633	12,633	21,371	21,371
Ores, Spelter, &c. ....	.....	.....	81,070	87,470	.....	.....	111,174	111,178
Silver Bullion ... oz.	438,281	438,281	49,035	49,035	54,005	54,005	7,061	7,061
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	49,448	49,448	53,806	53,806
Skins—Hides ... No.	19,811	19,811	16,426	16,426	10,802	10,802	9,945	9,945
Sheep ... „	321,056	321,056	44,491	44,491	472,673	472,673	49,173	49,173
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	256,263	256,263	8,894	8,894	252,896	252,896	10,564	10,564
Other ...	.....	.....	21,411	21,411	.....	.....	45,052	45,052
Tallow ... cwt.	36,616	36,616	50,585	50,585	37,233	37,281	52,256	52,320
Timber ...	.....	.....	30,135	31,882	.....	.....	36,112	37,014
Tin, Ingots ... cwt.	5,767	5,767	35,813	35,813	7,369	7,369	70,938	70,938
Wine ... gal.	5,288	5,510	1,678	2,002	6,315	6,433	1,913	2,105
Wool ... lb.	37,267,165	37,267,165	2,022,749	2,022,749	63,428,060	63,428,060	3,159,095	3,159,095
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	168,412	168,475	.....	.....	67,768	142,711
Total ... £	.....	.....	3,343,753	3,529,708	.....	.....	4,563,551	4,640,954
January to December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	2,272	2,272	68,865	68,865	4,194	4,200	79,963	81,291
Butter ... lb.	18,829,626	18,829,626	810,270	810,270	23,973,160	23,973,160	1,003,836	1,003,836
Coal ... ton	2,644,507	2,644,507	1,297,534	1,297,534	2,000,631	2,000,631	878,761	878,761
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	406,959	406,959	1,623,218	1,623,218	394,828	394,828	1,577,609	1,577,609
Fruits—Fresh ... cntl.	83,290	85,649	49,952	53,463	46,813	48,411	30,185	31,841
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	2,663,224	2,663,224	.....	.....	5,811,622	5,939,482
Grain—Wheat... cntl.	3,036,812	3,036,812	799,902	799,902	2,530,341	2,530,341	689,920	689,920
Flour ... „	778,482	778,595	319,702	319,754	778,640	778,760	285,418	285,482
Lead ... cwt.	1,505,885	1,506,694	1,324,648	1,325,323	797,760	797,932	650,852	650,995
Leather... ..	.....	.....	288,671	300,348	.....	.....	329,305	336,551
Meats—Beef ... lb.	2,131,839	2,131,839	24,405	24,405	3,679,265	3,679,265	41,602	41,602
Mutton & Lamb „	55,831,419	55,831,419	614,996	614,996	50,913,070	50,913,070	537,818	537,818
Rabbits & Hares pair	6,986,466	6,986,466	301,115	301,115	5,939,240	5,939,240	246,489	246,489
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	6,111,546	6,116,086	113,022	113,252	4,176,315	4,184,525	84,476	84,653
Oil—Cocoanut... cwt.	114,949	114,955	195,629	195,816	108,299	108,314	151,292	151,317
Ores, Spelter, &c. ....	.....	.....	888,885	897,071	.....	.....	840,952	844,446
Silver Bullion ... oz.	3,396,722	3,402,419	427,469	428,150	644,233	644,233	79,720	79,720
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	.....	.....	.....	.....	705,642	705,642	684,499	684,499
Skins—Hides ... No.	196,843	197,239	187,210	188,010	130,539	130,539	146,771	146,771
Sheep ... „	3,939,446	3,943,123	502,672	502,893	3,116,772	3,117,054	403,426	403,472
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	6,981,362	6,981,362	254,741	254,741	7,527,265	7,527,265	297,792	297,792
Other ...	.....	.....	286,644	286,664	.....	.....	415,192	415,479
Tallow ... cwt.	358,265	358,377	539,836	539,976	363,941	363,989	470,474	470,538
Timber ...	.....	.....	314,674	334,283	.....	.....	345,795	360,940
Tin, Ingots ... cwt.	85,281	85,281	727,448	727,448	85,413	85,483	761,862	761,999
Wine ... gal.	47,492	51,024	12,191	17,114	44,723	47,764	11,819	15,255
Wool ... lb.	298,651,930	298,651,930	16,219,020	16,219,020	237,647,285	237,647,285	12,306,944	12,306,944
Other Articles ...	.....	.....	936,453	2,057,271	.....	.....	758,636	1,667,682
Total ... £	.....	.....	31,702,206	32,064,126	.....	.....	20,023,030	21,018,274

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of overseas origin re-exported.

No. 14.—Outward Interstate Transfers during November, and during the eleven months January to November.

NOTE.—The figures for December, 1907, are not yet available.

Article.	1907.			1906.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
November.						
Animals—Live	£ 468,109	£	£ 468,109	£ 277,971	£	£ 277,971
Apparel and Soft Goods	15,116	29,745	44,861	13,260	26,757	40,017
Biscuits	6,380	4	6,384	4,742	27	4,769
Boots and Shoes—Leather	13,543	1,944	15,487	13,870	2,070	15,940
Butter	2,221	.....	2,221	3,011	.....	3,011
Cement	4,206	3	4,209	3,226	30	3,256
Coal	76,324	.....	76,324	73,614	.....	73,614
Fruits—Fresh	15,471	654	16,125	14,388	1,247	15,635
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	42,316	.....	42,316	65,136	3	65,139
Grain—Wheat	3,096	.....	3,096	3,998	.....	3,998
Flour	22,246	13	22,259	17,462	93	17,555
Hats and Caps	4,407	4,256	8,663	3,458	3,601	7,059
Leather	5,715	3,524	9,239	6,220	3,016	9,236
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	8,501	5,924	14,425	5,757	5,135	10,892
Free	1,100	2,122	3,222	3,570	3,325	6,895
Potatoes	3,524	.....	3,524	548	.....	548
Skins and Hides	29,590	70	29,660	19,145	.....	19,145
Soap	5,275	.....	5,275	3,511	.....	3,511
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	65,107	.....	65,107	14,506	.....	14,506
Spirits	1,713	7,873	9,586	881	6,838	7,719
Sugar	18,441	663	19,104	12,961	.....	12,961
Tea ... ..	.....	7,695	7,695	.....	6,444	6,444
Timber	1,928	954	2,882	1,633	294	1,927
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	25,030	2,661	27,691	16,530	2,318	18,848
Wool	579,596	.....	579,596	829,062	.....	829,062
Other Articles	727,178	136,943	864,121	314,125	118,218	432,343
Total	£ 2,146,133	205,048	2,351,181	1,722,585	179,416	1,902,001
January to November.						
Animals—Live	2,076,046	2,139	2,078,185	1,735,572	3,328	1,738,900
Apparel and Soft Goods	154,482	353,628	508,110	134,160	294,152	428,312
Biscuits	55,022	189	55,211	45,376	106	45,482
Boots and Shoes—Leather	133,577	21,275	154,852	112,352	14,726	127,078
Butter	131,532	2	131,534	47,320	17	47,337
Cement	49,511	506	50,017	31,223	351	31,574
Coal	900,871	.....	900,871	822,363	.....	822,363
Fruits—Fresh	117,799	5,850	123,649	108,293	9,433	117,726
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	427,292	.....	427,292	604,897	3	604,900
Grain—Wheat	200,250	25	200,275	246,951	.....	246,951
Flour	164,328	444	164,772	159,970	724	160,694
Hats and Caps	36,587	34,785	71,372	27,913	5,955	33,868
Leather	73,579	57,679	131,258	88,504	51,575	140,079
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	68,831	59,813	128,644	50,535	49,151	99,686
Free	17,999	33,339	51,338	17,971	32,310	50,281
Potatoes	28,001	.....	28,001	33,436	.....	33,436
Skins and Hides	197,010	237	197,247	143,372	60	143,432
Soap	46,458	28	46,486	42,974	72	43,046
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	319,483	13	319,496	226,106	1	226,107
Spirits	17,079	76,736	93,815	28,745	66,544	95,289
Sugar	205,099	3,995	209,094	202,197	5,177	207,374
Tea ... ..	.....	103,405	103,405	.....	84,444	84,444
Timber	29,312	6,733	36,045	36,613	2,698	39,311
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	199,244	27,778	227,022	172,110	30,219	202,329
Wool	2,347,359	.....	2,347,359	2,545,137	.....	2,545,137
Other Articles	4,122,675	1,376,300	5,498,975	2,997,003	1,148,551	4,145,554
Total	£ 12,119,426	2,164,899	14,284,325	10,661,153	1,799,597	12,460,750

No. 15.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1906.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	1,277,164	154,318	143,293	164,272	112,407	67,070	38,172
February...	1,558,533	202,931	108,871	418,403	121,759	109,814	74,168
March ...	723,255	183,320	62,172	483,856	119,819	88,368	47,149
April ...	423,683	117,314	71,706	591,341	96,773	105,688	55,237
May ...	210,380	65,427	50,752	627,758	99,904	115,543	66,254
June ...	290,473	38,593	43,797	446,453	102,301	111,629	80,878
July ...	156,045	27,536	35,069	630,803	92,453	134,491	90,001
August ...	285,897	32,078	31,377	258,859	104,215	155,810	116,834
September	760,072	21,936	35,503	1,452,097	114,634	163,256	78,724
October ...	1,298,148	50,663	79,708	476,728	113,816	163,472	71,091
November	2,164,199	50,133	187,587	88,235	156,980	154,225	80,620
December	3,159,095	31,099	154,001	172,817	99,662	208,243	79,633
1907.							
January ...	1,865,889	272,066	172,610	189,093	112,331	132,792	70,939
February...	1,817,098	269,583	122,692	163,793	67,696	158,748	98,419
March ...	1,889,287	139,933	148,573	205,818	170,184	128,970	65,754
April ...	801,336	108,443	61,474	229,009	108,137	118,760	69,964
May ...	351,413	72,016	32,872	456,983	115,633	180,440	111,292
June ...	401,198	52,269	3,551	431,925	111,361	167,514	135,289
July ...	355,256	45,779	10,926	177,833	110,417	159,571	99,875
August ...	352,263	55,027	19,485	213,924	128,713	127,016	133,457
September	1,148,653	40,785	34,199	159,935	134,325	132,058	112,351
October ...	2,354,234	37,574	60,207	108,252	96,793	117,157	131,048
November	2,859,644	13,280	48,996	122,765	128,230	98,051	95,520
December	2,021,564	11,849	94,685	206,894	103,346	102,141	173,626

No. 16.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,042,703	641,405
1906 ...	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
1907 ...	3,239	6,072,723	3,207	6,014,960	5,257,455	815,268	5,233,426	781,534
Dec., 1907 ...	270	525,599	309	606,885	476,619	48,980	534,111	72,774
„ 1906 ...	258	474,924	246	479,724	431,000	43,924	456,768	22,956

No. 17.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1905.	1906.
Imports.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australian States	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,938,885	17,061,860
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	8,602,288	10,047,928
Canada ... ..	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	73,443	150,132
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	43,232	55,478
Hongkong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	89,351	102,680
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	717,948	848,792
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	1,369,001	2,094,508
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	5,254	3,263
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	82,830	103,636
Other British Possessions ...	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	67,167	87,570
Total, British Countries..	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	25,989,399	30,555,847
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	222,994	394,805
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	28,631	10,823
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	138,028	118,173
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	864,289	1,037,771
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,563	92,732	73,757	78,706
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	145,257	180,519
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	18,399	33,667
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	27,854	39,436
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	103,142	132,732
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,636,069	1,702,428
Other Foreign Countries ...	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	176,189	380,456
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,434,609	4,109,516
Total, All Countries	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	29,424,008	34,665,363
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	12,263,472	14,651,156
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,222,422	12,174,155
Canada ... ..	.....	10	16,804	66,403	41,520	723,308
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	245,152	307,247
Hongkong	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	424,460	431,748
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,330,189	1,546,539
New Zealand	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	934,661	1,300,126
South Africa ... ..	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	371,727	367,009
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	95,995	160,996
Other British Possessions ...	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	89,969	88,931
Total, British Countries..	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	26,019,567	31,751,215
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,787,163	3,263,310
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	318,159	97,930
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	3,570,246	3,179,531
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,771,396	2,294,260
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	176,770	128,674
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	377,451	633,730
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	135,446	122,102
Philippine Islands ... ..	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	183,853	234,658
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	141,381	119,333
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	602,145	2,963,288
Other Foreign Countries ...	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	698,429	850,013
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	10,762,439	13,886,829
Total, All Countries	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	36,782,006	45,638,044

No. 18.—Commonwealth Revenue collected in State.

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation.			Posts and Telegraphs.	Other Revenue.	Total.
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
*1901	820,012	198,996	1,019,008	276,936	1,019	1,296,963
1902	2,324,000	488,732	2,812,732	873,312	8,223	3,694,267
1903	2,861,710	617,032	3,478,742	906,798	5,479	4,391,019
1904	2,604,049	625,737	3,229,786	941,529	5,075	4,176,390
1905	2,390,735	642,882	3,033,617	980,141	6,969	4,020,727
1906	2,563,552	670,370	3,233,922	1,065,633	15,275	4,314,830
1907	2,845,786	727,527	3,573,313	1,191,508	16,998	4,781,819
†Sept., 1907 ...	676,741	200,658	1,177,399	302,570	4,197	1,484,166
„ 1906	742,432	176,395	918,827	281,936	2,883	1,203,646

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Three months ended 30th September.

No. 19.—Commonwealth Expenditure in State.

Year ended 30th June.	New Expenditure.	Customs and Excise.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Naval and Military.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
*1901	47,606	29,005	262,036	70,743	.....	409,390
1902	99,252	63,450	840,685	309,147	.....	1,312,534
1903	114,131	70,438	890,203	268,146	10	1,342,928
1904	167,043	69,188	950,107	298,757	.....	1,485,095
1905	180,847	68,724	894,595	237,892	.....	1,492,058
1906	297,340	73,431	984,371	327,734	25	1,572,901
1907	283,145	74,801	1,049,155	349,513	37 ⁸	1,756,992
†Sept., 1907 ...	126,487	19,263	266,055	82,139	1	493,945
„ 1906	73,518	17,668	249,145	87,236	.....	427,567

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Three months ended 30th September.

No. 20.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt at end of Year.	Expenditure from Loans during Year.				
		Reproductive Works.			Other Works and Services.	Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Resumptions).		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1897	61,074,498	476,674	440,109	240,172	391,150	1,548,105
1898	63,112,720	421,885	538,622	282,421	410,215	1,653,143
1899	63,762,066	589,156	579,738	370,680	486,370	2,025,944
1900	65,332,993	858,193	438,684	382,346	721,720	2,400,943
1901	67,361,246	1,085,747	532,691	505,199	661,392	2,785,029
1902	71,592,485	2,243,672	486,205	1,698,387	510,977	4,939,241
1903	77,692,987	1,683,755	554,581	2,017,346	457,704	4,713,386
1904	80,033,581	805,520	315,305	879,213	288,704	2,288,742
1905	82,321,998	501,710	242,770	465,712	361,065	1,571,257
1906	85,641,734	529,251	365,442	256,780	215,549	1,367,022
1907	85,607,832	421,742	344,345	167,677	124,789	1,058,553

NOTE.—Redemptions of loans are not included in the Expenditure nor are repayments to credit of votes.

No. 21.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1899–1900 to 1906–7.

	1899–1900.	1900–1.	1901–2.	1902–3.	1903–4.	1904–5.	1905–6.	1906–7.
Governmental :—								
Taxation—								
By Commonwealth—Balance of Revenue collected and returned to State	£ 1,508,055	£ 1,641,563	£ 2,385,904	£ 3,053,133	£ 2,683,417	£ 2,529,070	£ 2,742,770	£ 3,022,351
By State	881,692	1,041,548	1,108,770	1,108,782	1,100,193	1,114,408	1,297,776	1,381,305
	£ 2,389,747	2,683,111	3,494,674	4,161,915	3,783,610	3,643,478	4,040,546	4,403,656
Land—								
Alienations	£ 1,213,661	£ 1,226,905	£ 1,155,515	£ 1,010,246	£ 1,030,138	£ 937,815	£ 976,772	£ 1,029,439
Revenue	894,772	835,072	841,559	791,219	827,188	820,087	753,115	851,373
	£ 2,108,433	2,061,977	1,997,074	1,801,465	1,857,326	1,757,902	1,729,887	1,880,812
Receipts for Services rendered	£ 317,297	344,322	375,333	351,966	373,711	358,570	372,575	330,640
Miscellaneous Receipts	£ 216,280	270,546	221,666	236,127	290,550	288,020	285,479	343,851
Total Governmental	£ 5,031,757	5,359,956	6,088,747	6,551,473	6,305,197	6,047,970	6,428,487	6,958,959
Business Undertakings by the State :—								
By Railway Commissioners	3,563,376	4,099,085	4,324,432	4,079,788	4,263,744	4,527,368	5,051,954	5,596,428
Sydney Harbour Trust ... ..	.....	60,602	217,391	256,133	261,659	253,581	270,689	298,037
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage ...	319,849	327,214	347,710	376,221	385,793	473,562	492,195	496,794
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board ...	30,707	27,806	29,076	32,453	31,934	34,437	39,757	42,217
Total Business Undertakings	£ 3,913,932	4,514,707	4,918,609	4,744,595	4,943,130	5,288,948	5,854,595	6,433,476
Total	8,945,689	9,874,663	11,007,356	11,296,068	11,248,327	11,336,918	12,283,082	13,392,435
Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.)	31,609	24,612	49,112	92,830	103,868	47,753	8,285	14,108
Grand Total	£ 8,977,298	9,899,275	11,056,468	11,388,898	11,352,195	11,384,671	12,291,367	13,406,543

* Adjusted amounts for purposes of comparison, Commonwealth transferred services excluded.

No. 22.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1899–1900 to 1906–7.

	1899–1900.	1900–1.	1901–2.	1902–3.	1903–4.	1904–5.	1905–6.	1906–7.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental :—								
Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Govt.*	620,867	580,517	737,578	895,732	831,527	883,236	938,398	907,026
Old-age Pensions and Administration ... ..	.....	40	453,279	553,507	531,983	518,656	510,343	515,177
Other Pensions, Retiring Allowances, &c.	30,835	44,629	44,299	37,589	†131,096	†170,909	†170,685	†167,947
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, including Electoral Office	8,136	14,361	27,160	12,710	22,586	42,048	10,464	20,426
Parliamentary Allowances and Postage	34,002	33,303	32,694	35,014	34,746	23,210	29,129	29,503
Endowments and Grants—								
Municipalities, including Municipal Rates on Government Buildings	28,818	29,330	55,516	43,585	45,480	21,172	17,884	66,815
Fire and Water Brigades	13,522	15,633	17,517	10,785	22,354	15,790	20,052	19,457
Miners' Accident Relief and Administration ... ..	.....	2,002	9,043	10,329	11,668	11,875	12,747	13,778
Hospitals, Benevolent Societies, Coast Hospital, other Charitable Institutions	103,995	108,214	122,521	114,948	109,779	121,568	142,934	121,856
Fire and Flood Relief	149	1,620	132	882	98	5,278	220	86
Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies	14,934	15,404	15,986	13,071	11,410	14,363	8,936	17,390
Public Charities, including Government Asylums, State Children, Aborigines, and Maintenance of Paupers	157,134	130,388	159,703	167,589	166,148	154,364	149,339	144,933
Lunacy, including Master-in-Lunacy	110,705	114,568	125,436	147,238	138,847	128,062	135,367	135,728
Public Instruction, including Reformatories and Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions	773,653	789,206	874,692	904,142	912,621	915,586	937,840	943,638
Public Works, including Establishment	839,940	983,851	1,022,963	924,881	770,240	693,657	788,522	637,582
Labour and Industry, including Unemployed	9,661	9,182	13,220	17,414	21,355	11,087	12,821	7,856
Local Government Endowments, &c. ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	126,583
Extraordinary Services—								
Bubonic Plague	84,451	92,065	5,235	23,094	5,144	3,456	2,094	2,641
Military and Naval Contingents—South Africa and China	157,985	225,458	49,472	10,847	1,264	194	1,079	24,284
Federal Celebrations and Royal Receptions ... ..	.....	121,528	21,477	514	1,981	.....	.....	.....
All other Services of the State under Public Departments	1,805,465	1,932,017	1,961,519	1,952,191	1,913,964	1,841,543	1,816,518	1,899,999
Total—Governmental	£ 4,794,252	5,243,316	5,749,442	5,882,062	5,684,291	5,576,054	5,705,372	5,802,705
Business Undertakings by the State :—								
By Railway Commissioners, Sydney Harbour Trust, Metropolitan and Hunter District Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage—								
Working Expenses	2,197,999	2,586,475	3,002,680	3,169,470	3,132,636	3,131,826	3,184,816	3,444,243
Interest on Capitals	†1,788,948	†1,892,780	†1,981,501	†2,046,289	†2,133,548	2,167,782	2,136,660	2,220,708
Total Business Undertakings	£ 3,986,947	4,479,255	4,984,181	5,215,759	5,266,184	5,299,608	5,321,476	5,673,951
Sinking Fund Instalments	264,561	269,412	274,550	369,413	369,413	319,413	360,016	405,090
Public Works Fund—Transfers in aid ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	718,051
Closer Settlement Fund—Transfers in aid ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200,000
Total	£ 9,045,760	9,991,983	11,008,173	11,467,234	11,319,888	11,195,075	11,386,864	12,799,797
Advances made	30,319	77,221	132,889	169,239	72,015	2,423	8,378	31,526
Grand Total	£ 9,076,079	10,069,204	11,141,062	11,636,473	11,391,903	11,197,498	11,395,242	12,831,323

* Excludes proportion chargeable to the four corporate bodies. † Includes pensions under Public Service (Superannuation) Act, No. 8 of 1903, 4 per cent. deductions from salaries being paid to Revenue. ‡ For years 1899–1900 to 1903–4, figures for interest on capitals are approximate only, as the capital debt of the four corporate bodies was not definitely settled.

No. 23.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.			Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
					Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896	...	...	1,237,971	111,889	10,707,611	19,128,305	29,835,916	69,000	31,254,776
1897	...	...	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	...	...	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	...	...	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	...	...	1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,681	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	...	...	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	...	...	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	...	...	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	...	...	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	...	...	1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,627	37,071,054	140,118	38,860,062
1906	...	...	1,564,670	313,946	16,834,690	22,585,802	39,420,492	117,629	41,416,737
31 March, 1907	...	...	1,663,162	306,160	19,034,018	22,757,349	41,791,367	102,038	43,862,727
30 June, 1907	...	...	1,684,746	272,347	18,704,401	23,392,858	42,097,259	83,826	44,138,178
30 Sept., 1907	...	...	1,668,290	242,853	17,846,274	23,747,866	41,594,140	98,670	43,603,953
30 Sept., 1906	...	...	1,440,536	231,526	15,643,164	22,933,614	38,576,778	128,310	40,337,150

No. 24.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

Quarter ended 31st December.			Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
			£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896	...	...	6,760,851	187,845	1,914,483	35,116,696	223,487	324,466	44,527,828
1897	...	...	5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	...	...	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	...	...	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	...	...	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	...	...	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	...	...	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	...	...	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	...	...	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	...	...	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,231	32,447,659	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
1906	...	...	7,247,347	260,016	1,819,417	34,415,596	335,979	379,602	44,457,957
31 March, 1907	...	...	8,552,808	226,354	1,783,913	34,032,294	350,903	506,399	45,452,671
30 June, 1907	...	...	8,966,445	162,008	1,777,304	34,477,917	340,606	497,728	46,222,008
30 Sept., 1907	...	...	8,961,077	135,413	1,763,041	36,153,395	348,907	490,049	47,851,882
30 Sept., 1906	...	...	7,546,238	215,059	1,823,346	33,166,498	289,016	324,395	43,364,552

* In June, 1907, the returns of fourteen banks are shown, the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris being included.

No. 25.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.				Amount.	Year.				Amount.
				£					£
1896	...	...	...	116,962,784	1902	...	...	...	178,637,708
1897	...	...	...	121,645,873	1903	...	...	...	180,961,406
1898	...	...	...	126,978,018	1904	...	...	...	177,797,335
1899	...	...	...	146,188,144	1905	...	...	...	189,826,381
1900	...	...	...	144,080,314	1906	...	...	...	220,860,512
1901	...	...	...	167,676,707	1907	...	...	...	234,169,822
Total, 1st January to 31st December, 1907				...	...	...	...	...	£234,169,822
" " " " " "				...	1906	...	...	...	£220,860,512

No. 26.—Savings Banks.

Year. (31st December.)	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1896	213,608	8,522,623	449,048	39 18 0	6 13 3
1897	227,629	9,136,793	614,170	40 2 9	7 0 5
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,826	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 4
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 6
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 14 5
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 0 5
1906	392,050	15,320,532	1,822,280	39 1 7	10 0 2
30 June, 1907 ...	408,859	16,338,051	*1,017,519	39 19 3	10 10 1

(—) Denotes decrease.

* Increase during six months.

No. 27.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
		£	£	£	£
1896	280,113	80,587,515	9,475,207	90,062,722	2,714,808
1897	290,112	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	306,916	85,630,767	11,093,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	327,618	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	349,485	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	372,823	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	392,369	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	418,745	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	440,005	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577
1905	459,675	116,115,582	13,846,138	129,961,720	3,982,421
1906	445,156	107,711,543	13,962,278	121,673,821	3,698,031

The figures for 1906 represent Australasian business only; prior to that year the whole business of the Institutions, wherever carried on, is included.

No. 28.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896	16,597,379	5,736,667	22,334,046	21,399,835	934,211	22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,590,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309
1905	22,072,061	13,795,301	35,867,362	34,915,842	951,520	35,867,362
1906	24,379,196	12,556,320	36,935,516	35,338,435	1,597,081	36,935,516

No. 29.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops. *
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1897	866,112	211,382	39,530	18,194	327,209	4,608	1,659,717
1898	993,350	209,588	28,605	12,936	401,073	4,490	1,821,829
1899	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	496,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,298	2,672,973
1906	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	2,838,081
1907	1,866,253	174,115	56,431	10,378	458,072	4,951	2,824,211

SEASON 1907-8.—The area of wheat estimated to be cut for grain during the season ending 31st March, 1908, is 1,399,930 acres, and for hay 371,120 acres. The production is estimated at 8,686,500 bushels and 189,400 tons respectively.

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 30.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£
1897	8,853,445	5,754,217	834,633	320,276	334,902	794,256	5,373,614
1898	10,560,111	6,713,060	543,946	269,068	405,353	864,514	6,249,677
1899	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,000,203
1903	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	16,464,415	4,951,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710
1906	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	6,543,050
1907	21,817,938	5,763,000	1,404,554	221,560	621,846	1,140,000	7,517,550

No. 31.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	£ s. d.
1897	10'2	27'2	21'1	17'6	1'0	172	3 4 9
1898	10'6	32'0	19'0	20'8	1'0	193	3 8 7
1899	7'0	31'4	14'0	19'8	0'7	185	2 4 3
1900	9'5	27'8	21'6	18'1	1'0	160	2 6 0
1901	10'6	30'5	20'2	19'0	1'1	197	2 8 0
1902	10'6	22'9	21'3	21'4	1'1	178	3 2 0
1903	1'2	15'1	8'2	20'9	0'5	160	1 16 10
1904	17'5	30'1	24'3	21'9	1'6	213	3 5 9
1905	9'3	25'6	16'1	20'4	0'8	175	2 0 6
1906	10'7	29'3	22'9	19'6	1'0	157	2 6 1
Mean for 10 years	10'0	27'3	19'0	19'8	1'0	179	2 11 5
1907	11'7	33'1	24'9	21'3	1'4	230	2 13 3

No. 32.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1896	510,636	400,183	1,825,980	48,318,790	214,581
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702
1906	537,762	713,049	1,836,895	44,132,421	243,370

NOTE.—Up to 1902 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The figures for subsequent years are made up as follows :—

Year.	Milch Cows.	Cows at present dry.	Heifers within 3 months of calving.	Total Dairy Cows.
1903	362,429	117,679	43,330	523,438
1904	424,936	131,595	35,405	591,936
1905	442,950	154,655	46,559	644,164
1906	494,820	172,888	45,341	713,049

No. 33.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1896	320,267,000	570,983	25,874,277	4,019,844	5,303,763
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,938,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	250,941,000	353,082	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	495,157	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,652,440
1906	325,441,000	487,911	58,888,000	5,389,000	11,843,000

The figures representing the production of wool and tallow for years 1904-5-6 have been altered since last issue.

No. 34.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year ...	1,000	1,000	1,000
1907 " " ...	1,343	1,354	1,461
December, 1902... ..	1,087	1,183	894
" 1903... ..	1,047	1,096	978
" 1904... ..	1,123	1,142	1,092
" 1905... ..	1,239	1,246	1,351
" 1906... ..	1,346	1,381	1,600
January, 1907... ..	1,368	1,426	1,596
February, "	1,377	1,418	1,619
March, "	1,386	1,446	1,593
April, "	1,372	1,438	1,541
May, "	1,404	1,438	1,577
June, "	1,385	1,366	1,580
July, "	1,400	1,378	1,573
August, "	1,313	1,291	1,436
September, "	1,327	1,294	1,419
October "	1,309	1,265	1,308
November "	1,271	1,246	1,205
December, 1907	1,207	1,246	1,085

No. 35.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
December, 1906 ...	29 9	*	109	106	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 9	34 0
January, 1907 ...	30 6	7 11 0	104	96	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	35 0
February, " ...	30 9	7 16 0	101	96	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9	36 0
March, " ...	30 9	7 15 0	100	97	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10	37 6
April, " ...	31 3	7 17 0	98	91	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10	37 6
May, " ...	32 9	8 10 0	97	90	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10	37 6
June, " ...	34 6	8 11 6	96	91	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	33 6
July, " ...	35 3	8 16 0	97	93	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	34 0
August " ...	35 0	9 2 0	100	95	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	35 0
September, " ...	40 0	9 13 0	98	96	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	35 0
October, " ...	42 9	10 7 0	119	112	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	34 4
November, " ...	44 0	10 12 0	119	112	13	1 11	34 1
December, " ...	45 0	10 11 6	120	114	13	1 11	33 2

* No quotations.

No. 36.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.			Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
			per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
December, 1906	...	...	3 0	7 7 6	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	9	2 2	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
January, 1907	...	...	2 10 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 17 6	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
February, "	...	...	3 0 $\frac{7}{8}$	7 3 0	8 $\frac{7}{8}$	8 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 7	2 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
March, "	...	...	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 5 0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 5	2 6
April, "	...	...	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 5 0	9 $\frac{5}{8}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 7	2 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
May, "	...	...	3 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 0 0	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 1
June, "	...	...	3 8	8 13 6	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
July, "	...	...	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 0 0	10 $\frac{1}{8}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 10	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
August "	...	...	3 11	8 19 0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 10	2 9
September, "	...	...	4 2 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 10 6	11 $\frac{5}{8}$	11 $\frac{5}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{8}$	3 1 $\frac{7}{8}$
October, "	...	...	5 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 12 6	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 4	4 4 $\frac{3}{4}$
November, "	...	...	4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 7 6	15	15	3 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
December, "	...	...	4 5	10 2 6	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	3 3	4 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
			Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
			per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
December, 1906	...	...	3 5 9	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{8}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
January, 1907	...	...	3 2 0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{8}$	4 $\frac{7}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
February, "	...	...	3 6 0	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{8}$
March, "	...	...	3 3 3	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{8}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
April, "	...	...	3 0 0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{3}{8}$
May, "	...	...	4 1 6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	7 $\frac{1}{8}$	5	17 $\frac{1}{4}$
June, "	...	...	4 2 6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
July, "	...	...	4 3 3	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	16
August "	...	...	3 11 9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
September, "	...	...	4 11 8	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	9	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	8
October, "	...	...	6 1 9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{8}$	9 $\frac{5}{8}$	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
November, "	...	...	6 10 0	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{5}{8}$	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
December, "	...	...	6 5 0	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$

No. 37.—Gold produced, January to December, and Minerals exported, January to September.

Gold yield during the twelve months 1907 and 1906.

	1907.		1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January to November... ..	222,614	945,602	238,416	1,012,726
December	24,749	105,128	15,571	66,140
Total for year	247,363	1,050,730	253,987	1,078,866

Exports of Minerals during the first nine months, 1907 and 1906.

Exports.	Nine months, 1907.		Nine months, 1906.		Third quarter, 1907.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£		£
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	754,850	98,212	213,305	26,748	587,520	76,449
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c. ... ton	309,988	2,669,508	261,224	1,959,949	107,397	1,003,756
Copper ingots and ore*	8,777	717,753	7,710	585,587	2,798	181,167
Tin ingots and ore*	2,769	467,187	1,956	316,348	1,263	202,253
Coal—						
To Australasian Ports	1,823,626	753,987	1,618,887	628,370	669,049	277,088
„ other Ports	2,402,214	1,184,271	1,994,995	874,940	881,119	435,179
Total Export of Coal	4,225,840	1,938,258	3,613,882	1,503,310	1,550,168	712,267
Grand Total... ..	£	5,890,918	.....	4,391,942	.....	2,175,892

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first nine months of the years 1906 and 1907 are as follow :—

	Nine months, 1907.		Nine months, 1906.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper	4,950	72,270	3,705	51,185
Tin	1,414	145,324	1,874	193,491

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 38.—Quantity and Value of Minerals won, 1905 and 1906.

Minerals.	1905.		1906.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—		£		£	£	£
Gold oz. fine	274,267	1,165,013	253,987	1,078,866	.....	86,147
Silver	417,520	52,196	284,994	36,431	.....	15,765
Silver—lead and ore ... ton	441,447	2,441,856	371,939	2,826,542	384,686	.....
Lead—pig, &c.... ..	210	2,657	59	1,084	.....	1,573
Zinc spelter & concentrates ..	103,532	221,155	103,666	292,806	71,651	.....
Tin ingots and ore	1,957	226,110	1,671	255,744	29,634	.....
Copper ingots and ore... ..	8,592	527,403	9,755	789,527	262,124	.....
Antimony and ore	388	5,221	2,451	52,645	47,424	.....
Bismuth	55	20,763	25	5,700	.....	15,063
Wolfram	86	7,361	132	9,057	1,696	.....
Scheelite	138	10,122	109	7,647	.....	2,475
Molybdenite	19	2,507	33	4,798	2,291	.....
Platinum oz.	398	825	205	623	.....	202
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	6,632,138	2,003,461	7,626,362	2,337,227	333,766	.....
Coke	162,961	100,306	186,060	110,607	10,301	.....
Kerosene shale... ..	38,226	21,247	32,446	28,470	7,223	.....
Alunite	2,702	6,750	1,856	4,637	.....	2,113
Limestone flux... ..	14,941	9,519	12,788	7,463	.....	2,056
Ironstone flux	6,801	4,525	935	723	.....	3,802
Marble ... ..	.....	2,420	.....	1,518	.....	902
Diamonds carat	6,354	3,745	2,827	2,120	.....	1,625
Opal ... ..	.....	59,000	.....	56,500	.....	2,500
Other ... ..	.....	2,919	.....	1,981	.....	938
Total ... .. £	.....	6,897,081	.....	7,912,716	1,015,635	.....
					Net increase	

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £85,693 in 1905 and £112,848 in 1906, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £106,119 and £144,060, respectively, in 1905 and 1906. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 39.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1896 ...	1,073,360	1,785,451	197,814	68,546	1,125,281	4,431,643
1897 ...	1,104,315	1,698,239	283,174	49,900	1,230,041	4,648,119
1898 ...	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833	4,801,585
1899 ...	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799	6,089,749
1900 ...	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911	6,362,078
1901 ...	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929	5,680,739
1902 ...	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598	5,102,321
1903 ...	1,080,029	1,501,403	462,640	150,208	2,319,660	5,957,512
1904 ...	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952	6,243,261
1905 ...	1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461	6,897,081
1906 ...	1,078,866	2,862,973	789,527	255,744	2,337,227	7,912,716

No. 40.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1896 ...	2,928	42,908	6,932	49,840	5,035,905	Not available.	
1897 ...	2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898 ...	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899 ...	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900 ...	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	Not available
1901 ...	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902 ...	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available
1903 ...	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904 ...	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905 ...	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950	5,191,350	30,028,150
*1906 ...	3,828	59,888	17,870	77,758	8,295,330	5,591,600	34,772,800

* See also Table 42.

No. 41.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Train miles run.	Net Earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1897 ...	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5 $\frac{3}{4}$	22,672,924
1898 ...	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	23,233,206
1899 ...	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	24,726,067
1900 ...	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	26,486,873
1901 ...	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	29,261,324
1902 ...	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	30,885,214
1903 ...	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	32,384,138
1904 ...	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	33,792,689
1905 ...	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	35,158,150
1906 ...	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
1907 ...	3,453	44,700,230	2,209,665	12,949,068	3 5	41,413,084
*Dec., 1907 ...	3,468	44,700,230	668,729	3,747,812	3 6 $\frac{3}{4}$	11,987,700
* ,, 1906 ...	3,453	43,626,063	667,291	3,309,278	4 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	10,500,118

* Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 42.—Manufacturing Industries, 1906.

Class of Industry.	Number of Establishments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
		No.	No.	No.	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	256	3,190	19	3,209	245,700
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	48	550	131	681	158,160
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	252	3,771	106	3,877	426,540
Working in Wood ...	457	5,186	19	5,205	365,780
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	376	15,288	51	15,339	1,511,890
Connected with Food, Drink and Narcotics	707	9,558	2,049	11,607	2,537,270
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	724	6,530	13,120	19,650	286,040
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	335	5,539	1,422	6,961	671,320
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	6	305	33	338	4,810
Arms and Explosives ...	3	15	2	17	270
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	259	2,607	60	2,667	43,790
Ship and Boat Building ...	34	1,585	10	1,595	161,270
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	118	2,148	160	2,308	32,340
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	48	678	334	1,012	107,270
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	8	69	17	86	2,570
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	33	416	41	457	12,190
Heat, Light, and Power ...	139	1,821	62	1,883	1,705,860
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	12	217	23	240	6,090
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	45	506	175	681	16,170
Total ...	3,860	59,979	17,834	77,813	8,295,330
	Value of Materials used.	Value of Fuel Consumed.	Value of Goods Manufactured or work done.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials.	Wages Paid.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	3,273,010	20,320	3,839,200	545,870	194,410
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	420,150	7,480	621,020	193,390	42,360
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	144,010	77,360	722,630	501,260	300,210
Working in Wood ...	1,105,100	10,700	1,806,720	690,920	376,910
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	4,195,820	229,600	7,631,010	3,205,590	1,502,330
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	9,260,100	112,550	11,948,680	2,576,030	824,080
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	1,908,910	12,770	3,414,600	1,492,920	907,540
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	476,460	13,620	1,396,770	906,690	557,250
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	43,300	240	102,880	59,340	30,580
Arms and Explosives ...	2,470	20	4,520	2,030	1,080
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	228,020	4,970	536,420	303,430	179,990
Ship and Boat Building ...	80,750	4,840	284,180	198,590	167,140
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	264,880	1,800	536,770	264,090	157,100
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	259,700	5,860	487,610	222,050	62,890
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	8,970	240	22,920	13,710	5,590
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	41,850	520	99,840	57,470	33,990
Heat, Light, and Power ...	232,350	105,830	1,062,470	724,290	200,920
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	69,470	340	97,980	28,170	14,220
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	92,320	940	162,580	69,320	33,010
Total ...	22,107,640	610,000	34,772,800	12,055,160*	5,591,600

* If £212,216, the value added to articles already included in primary industries be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £11,842,944.

No. 43.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901-1906.

Class of Industry.	1901. (Census Year)	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of					
Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	337,739	547,636	449,521	457,067	545,870
Oils and Fats, &c.	160,718	162,491	179,690	177,877	193,390
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	422,272	445,774	399,459	462,447	501,260
Working in Wood	649,149	647,463	609,255	645,027	690,920
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	2,443,432	2,382,185	2,485,649	2,781,996	3,205,590
Connected with Food, Drink and Narcotics	2,231,942	1,919,746	2,053,276	2,138,487	2,363,814
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material	1,091,244	1,150,871	1,219,217	1,289,527	1,492,920
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	950,771	802,860	851,780	847,996	906,690
Musical Instruments, &c.	22,309	29,511	30,708	54,799	59,340
Arms and Explosives	1,480	3,065	1,924	1,541	2,030
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	266,016	198,391	239,727	257,251	303,430
Ship and Boat Building	148,800	207,932	205,392	179,380	198,590
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	220,434	209,395	199,025	228,903	264,090
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	74,006	108,299	148,785	199,100	222,050
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ..	17,304	9,145	10,700	10,925	13,710
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	24,698	31,043	41,048	48,705	57,470
Heat, Light, and Power	624,567	681,190	707,356	739,397	724,290
Leatherware, n.e.i.	12,243	16,303	20,955	24,229	28,170
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	37,047	46,490	46,646	53,799	69,320
Total	9,736,171	9,599,790	9,900,113	10,598,453	11,842,944

NOTE.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 44.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280
1905	2,266	102,292,888	9,665,700	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962
1906	2,288	113,226,280	14,457,564	47,144,094	25,201,131	15,417	4,452,506

No. 45.—Current Rates of Wages.

Mechanics, Artisans, and others (without Board and Lodging).

Bakers (per week), 50/- to 60/-
 Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average, 50/-
 Boilermakers—
 1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average
 1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-
 Brass-finishers, 1/- per hour; average, 42/-
 Brassmoulders, 1/3 " " 50/-
 Bricklayers, 1/4½ " " 45/-
 Brickmakers, 1/- " " 40/-
 Carpenters and joiners, 1/3 per hour; av'ge, 45/-
 Coach-painters, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Coachsmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Compositors (piecework)—
 1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.
 52/- per week (jobbing).
 Linotype (newspapers), -3 per 1,000 ens.
 Time rate, 1/6 per hour (day).
 " 1/9 " (night).
 Coopers (piecework), 50/- to 55/- per week.
 Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Engineers, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Engine-drivers, 30/- to 50/- per week; av'ge, 40/-
 Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-
 Galvanised iron workers, 1/1½ per hour; av'ge, 50/-
 Gas-fitters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 55/-
 General labourers, 7/- per day.
 Skilled " 8/- " ; average, 40/-
 Ironmoulders, 1/3 per hour; average, 40/-
 Iron-turners, 1/3 " " 45/-
 Masons and stone-cutters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 40/-
 Navvies—7/- to 8/- per day; av'ge, 40/- per week.

Painters and paperhangers (44 hours per week),
 1/2 per hour; average, 35/- per week.
 Pattern-makers, 10/- to 12/- per day.
 Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Plumbers, 1/4½ " " 50/-
 Saddlers (piecework), average, 50/-
 Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.
 Shop assistants (per week)—
 Butchers, with board, 25/- to 30/-
 " without board, 35/- to 45/-
 Drapers (males), 30/- to 45/-
 " improvers, 5/- to 15/-
 " (females), 12/6 to 25/-
 " improvers, 2/6 to 12/6
 Grocers, 25/- to 45/-
 " improvers, 20/-
 Ironmongers, 30/- to 40/-
 Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1/2 per hour; average, 50/-
 Trolly and Draymen, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/-
 per week of 57 hours. 2/6 per week for each
 additional horse.
 Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.
 Wharf labourers—
 Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Interstate, 1/1½ per hour; 1/6 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/4 overtime;
 average, 30/-
 Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
 Woolwashers, 6/- to 7/- per day; average, 40/-.

Average Wages for Adults in Factories (per week).

Aerated Water Factories—
 Bottlers (machine), 33/-
 Bottle washers, 20/- to 30/-
 Labellers, 12/6
 Packers, 35/-
 Boatbuilders (average, 40/-), 54/-
 Bookbinders (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Bootmakers, male (average, 38/-), 45/-
 Bootmakers, female (average, 12/6), 15/-
 Brewery hands, 36/- to 44/-
 Cabinetmakers (average, 50/-), 52/-
 Dressmakers, 15/- to 25/-
 " improvers, 5/- to 12/6
 Milliners, 15/- to 25/-
 " improvers, 5/- to 12/6

Paper-bag makers, females—
 Handwork, 15/- to 18/-
 Machinists, 16/- to 20/-
 " males, 30/- to 40/-
 Paper-box makers, males, 25/- to 45/-
 " females, 10/- to 20/-
 Saw-mill labourers, 36/- to 40/-
 Tailors (coat hands), 35/- to 45/-
 " (trousers hands), 20/- to 30/-
 Tailoresses (coat hands), order, 27/6
 " (trousers hands), order, 22/6 to 26/-
 " (vest hands), order, 20/- to 25/-
 " (factory), 10/- to 20/-
 Tanners, 43/-
 Tobacco, cigar makers, male, 42/-
 Upholsterers, male, 52/-

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round in the specified trades. An ordinary working day consists of eight hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Interstate Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £17; 2nd, £11 to £13;
 3rd, £9 to £10; 4th, £8.
 Firemen, £8 10s. to £10.
 Trimmers, £6 10s. to £7.

Engineers, chief, £20 to £27 10s.; 2nd, £16 to
 £19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.
 Able seamen, £7.
 " " (sailing ships), average, £5.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Able Seamen, £7 (6-hour watches).

No. 45.—Current Rates of Wages—*continued.**Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.*

Married couples (without family)—

Farm, £65 to £75.

Station, £70 to £85.

Farm labourers, 20/-

Boundary riders, 15/- to 20/-

Bullock drivers, 20/- to 25/-

Dairy hands, 15/- to 22/6

Rouseabouts and shed hands, 15/- to 20/-

Orchard hands, 14/- to 20/-

Horse-team drivers, 20/- to 30/-

Stockmen, £45 to £52.

Country blacksmiths—

Station, 30/-

General (without rations), 50/- to 60/-

Useful boys, 7/6 to 12/6.

Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 20/-

Harvest hands, 35/-

Vignerons, 15/- to 20/-

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)—

Hotel, 15/- to 30/-

Station, 20/- to 25/-

Private house, 15/- to 20/-

Boarding-house, 20/- to 30/-

Cook and laundress, 15/- to 20/-

Laundresses, 20/-

Gardeners, 20/- to 30/-

General servants, 10/- to 20/-

Grooms and coachmen, 17/6 to 25/-

Nursemaids, and assist in house, 6/- to 10/-

Useful girls, 6/- to 10/-

Waitresses (board only), 15/- to 18/-

No. 46.—Meteorology.

District.	December, 1907.					December— (Mean 1897–1906).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast—										
Grafton	77·2	91·7	62·7	1·81	7	76·40	3·62	8	68·4	38·85
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton	76·1	87·7	64·5	3·28	7	75·00	2·52	5	64·4	29·85
Cumberland—										
Sydney	70·9	78·8	63·1	1·80	13	70·00	2·18	12	63·0	48·69
South Coast—										
Bega	67·0	84·7	49·3	4·10	8	69·24	2·34	6	59·8	32·23
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale	66·1	79·2	53·0	2·96	10	67·17	3·16	10	56·4	31·85
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst	67·5	86·1	48·8	1·04	6	69·63	1·77	6	57·2	23·95
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn	66·7	79·8	53·5	1·66	6	66·21	1·69	7	56·4	25·83
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah	77·8	93·8	61·8	4·28	7	79·05	2·08	5	66·2	24·89
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo	77·3	93·6	61·0	3·62	8	78·06	1·72	5	63·6	22·42
South-western Slope—										
Wagga	78·3	95·3	61·3	3·53	4	76·71	0·82	4	61·6	21·87
North-western Plain—										
Moree	76·6	92·7	60·4	3·62	8	81·13	1·34	5	68·7	23·24
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble	81·7	96·8	66·5	1·34	3	80·76	0·82	3	65·8	20·22
Riverina—										
Deniliquin	74·6	90·8	58·4	0·89	3	74·44	0·92	3	61·9	16·58

No. 47.—Crown Lands Selections, 1907.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected; and (second), the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of December, and during the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1907 :—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

Description of Holding.	During December.		From 1st Jan. to 31st December.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Conditional Purchase Leases	14	14,161	236	140,241
Original Conditional Purchases	71	9,269	1,626	224,022
*Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases	(50)	19,160	(946)	383,179
Original Homestead Selections	7	2,606	154	46,352
Original Settlement Leases	3	7,150	141	665,461
Settlement Purchases ... ..	.....	.....	198	96,080
Total of New Settlers	95	52,346	2,355	1,555,335
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Additional Conditional Purchases	52	6,528	1,210	184,416
Additional Conditional Leases	69	18,494	1,535	484,108
Additional Homestead Selections	2	895	102	33,286
Additional Settlement Leases... ..	5	6,540	67	74,400
Total	128	32,457	2,914	776,210

* A Conditional Lease may be of any area not exceeding three times that of the associated Conditional Purchase, and is usually taken up at the same time as the Conditional Purchase. It is not, however, treated as an additional holding.

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

Description of Holding.	During December.		From 1st Jan. to 31st December.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
For Conditional Purchase Lease	16	19,994	165	141,105
Original Conditional Purchase	30	368	148	12,133
Original Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in virtue thereof	12	7,256	365	530,966
Original Homestead Selection	5	2,731	146	30,408
Original Settlement Lease	2	12,971	84	467,138
Settlement Purchase ... ..	.....	.....	185	89,486
Total	65	43,320	1,093	1,271,236
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
For all forms of Additional Holdings	48	23,380	706	575,203
Additional Conditional Purchase	2	13	42	6,658
Additional Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease	1	20	112	145,964
Additional Homestead Selection... ..	4	95	23	2,483
Additional Settlement Lease ... ..	.....	.....	25	31,449
Additional Conditional Purchase, Conditional Lease, or Additional Homestead Selection ... ..	.....	.....	20	6,490
Total	55	23,508	928	768,247